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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 417  
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Walter Barton Herbison,  
Executive Director of the Nashville Songwriters  
Association International.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those noteworthy individuals, who through their creative abilities and business acumen, have achieved great success and distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Walter Barton "Bart" Herbison, Executive Director of the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI), is one such Tennessean who is deserving of recognition and acknowledgment; and

WHEREAS, Appointed to the Executive Director post in 1997, Mr. Herbison is responsible for organizing and hosting "Tin Pan South," America's largest songwriters' festival which is held annually in Nashville; performing "in the round" all over Nashville, songwriters band together in the most unusual combinations to make the festival unique; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1967, NSAI is the world's largest not-for-profit songwriters trade organization, dedicated to protecting the rights and serving aspiring and professional

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songwriters in all genres of music; with a membership of nearly 5,000, NSAI spans the United States and five other countries; and

WHEREAS, A 1996 graduate of Leadership Music, Bart Herbison began his career in the music industry at the tender age of 16 with WTPR in Paris, Tennessee; he spent several years working for both WTPR and WMUF as a radio reporter and disc jockey; and

WHEREAS, When Ned McWherter was elected Governor of Tennessee, Mr. Herbison came to Nashville and served as the Broadcast Information Officer in the Governor's Office; he later served as Director of Communications for the Governor's Office; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Bart Herbison joined Congressman Bob Clement's staff and spent the next several years serving as Congressman Clement's Press Secretary, Campaign Manager, and Chief Administrative Officer; and

WHEREAS, A native of Paris, Tennessee, Bart Herbison was born on February 1, 1957; he graduated from Henry County High School and attended Murray State University; and

WHEREAS, The son of J. B. Herbison and Red and Carol Stigall, he has two brothers, Mark and John, and one sister, Lori; and

WHEREAS, Having enjoyed tremendous success and the utmost distinction in all of his endeavors, Bart Herbison is an embodiment of the spirit and commitment to excellence that are inherent in a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Herbison for his substantial accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize and honor Bart Herbison for his contributions to Nashville's world-renowned music industry as Executive director of NSAI and in numerous other capacities, and salute him for his dedicated service to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.